

THE APACHES.

This Tribe Holds the Record as Bad Indians.

Scarcely a tribe of our American Indians but what have engrained their record of crime and infamy high up on history's wall, yet above them all is the Apaches.

From 1540 to 1833 New Spain and Mexico carried on a so called warfare with these people. The Apaches were vastly outnumbered by the Mexican soldiery, but what they lacked in numbers was more than made up in courage and craftiness. The Apache ever had a thorough contempt for the Mexican soldier, and in later years, when they were fighting with firearms as well as arrows, they would not waste cartridges on the Mexicans, but would kill them with arrows, spears and stones, saving their cartridges for other and more worthy foes.

When this southwest region became a part of the United States the Apaches were a serious problem with which we had to contend. Our government vacillated between a simpering peace policy and the other extreme, their extermination.

Their sons of wandering being interested by the international boundary line further complicated matters. They would raid down into Mexico and then rush back with the plunder to our side of the line, out of reach of the pursuing soldiers. Next it would be a raid on the Arizona side and a flight into the wild mountains of Sonora. The Mexican government attempted to assist their miserable army by giving a scalp bounty, and for years they paid out their gold coin for Apache scalps. Scalp hunting became a recognized industry. The horror of this was that to the Mexican official all scalps looked alike, whether from the head of a hostile or a friendly Indian. The price was \$100 for a man, \$50 for a woman and \$25 for a child. It is small wonder that the tribe sank deeper into savagery than ever when we stop to think that the men knew there was a price set on the scalps of their wives and children, and there was a horde of human fiends, white in color, but more savage than the savage himself, who were hunting them as they would a cougar of the mountains.—E. S. Curtis in Scribner's.

SMUGGLING.

It Was Considered a Legitimate Pursuit in Days Gone By.

A book by J. C. Wright entitled "In the Good Old Times" throws some interesting light on the ways of days gone by: "Of every three pounds of tea it was said that two were contraband. In fact, smuggling was considered a perfectly legitimate pursuit. Everybody was ready to profit by it, from the squire, who filled his cellars with cheap wine, and his wife, who adorned herself in cheap silks, to the shopkeeper, who got cheap groceries, or the laborer, who got high wages for work that was secret, unlawful and perilous. Even Adam Smith confessed to a weakness for smuggling and nobody was above bargaining to have a pipe or a hoghead put in his cellar at a low figure. But smuggling on a large scale was not carried on without bribery, perjury, informing, violence and murder."

Of the old time London watchman: "He was wrapped in a wide skirted heavy coat, a useful garment for protecting him from the cold, but not adapted to enable him to cope with the bullies who assaulted the weak and unprotected. He wore low shoes and a big broad brimmed hat, which could be turned up or down, worn forward or backward. The only means of defense which the watchman seems to have possessed was a staff something like a beadle's. In his left hand he carried his lantern."

In those primitive times pins were manufactured by hand and went through several stages of manufacture: Worker No. 1 formed the wire, No. 2 cut it into lengths, No. 3 smoothed it, the fourth man made the head, the fifth stuck it on, the sixth ground the point, the seventh washed and dried it, and it had to go through three more hands after that; hence it used to be a familiar proverb, "It takes ten men to make a pin."

Just Quit Worrying.

Nobody knows what produces earthquakes, although it is often claimed that they do. The earth quakes somewhere every day. Nobody knows when the earth came or when it will go, where it came from, how it came or how it happened to be here. The fact is, when you get down to the truth, nobody knows anything about anything—past, present or to come—and about the only way to get along in this knowledge world is not to try to know anything.—Eldorado Republic.

Dull Times.

"I set it for 5 o'clock," said the clerk, who was purchasing an office. "I'll never want to change my ways get up at that hour," he asked the clerk. "That's the hour in the afternoon," I always close my office at 5 o'clock."—Philadelphia Press.

A HYMN REVISED.

(From Life.)

(A corporation has been formed to bottle and ship water from the River Jordan for baptismal purposes.)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wistful eye
Across the stretch of barren sand—
The stream has been pumped dry.
A weary pilgrim, here I wait,
My fevered brow to lave—
But by transcontinental freight
They've shipped the bounding wave.

Long time ago I turned my feet
Fair Jordan's banks to strike—
The river glimmers in the heat,
As dusty as a pike.
I see across to Canaan's land
Where shovel, scoop and dredge
Are loading up the soil and sand
And setting fields on edge.

On Sinai's mount the drill now hums
And blasts fill all the air—
They're quarrying new tablets from
The rock formations there.
Each hallowed spot that once I dreamed
A place serene and dear
Is now with excavations seamed
To make a souvenir.

With Sinai carved in tablets small,
And Canaan boxed in pecks,
And Jordan held in bottles tall,
This thought my soul must vex:
Do we now face the dreadful day,
And is it near at hand,
When sinners in a hurry may
Get their religion canned?

Church Pillars.

The joke of the vicar of Withycombe, Devon, at the Easter vestry as to his laggard churchwarden being not a "pillar" but a "buttress" of the church because he supported it outside reminds one, says a correspondent, of another joke of the same kind delivered from a London pulpit by the Rev. John McNeill, who was minister of the "Scotch church," Regent square, at the time and in his own homely way was driving his points home with telling effect. He suddenly paused, after exhorting his congregation to be workers, and then, with a twinkle in his eye, said, "You know, I always think of church members being divided into two classes—pillars and caterpillars."—London Chronicle.

When Making Fast the Flag Halyards

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